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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 5     1 (currently amended): A switched capacitor circuit comprising:
- an operational amplifier having a first input terminal and a first output terminal;
- a first sampling capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier;
- 10     a first signal input switch controlled by a first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a first input signal;
- a first reference input switch controlled by a second clock having a first terminal
- 15     and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a first reference signal;
- a first input reset switch controlled by a third clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of
- 20     the operational amplifier, the second terminal being used for receiving a common signal;
- a first reference reset switch controlled by a reset clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first reference input switch, the second terminal being used for receiving
- 25     the common signal, the first clock, the second clock, and the reset clock each being out of phase with each other; and
- a first feedback network connected between the first input terminal of the operational amplifier and the first output terminal of the operational amplifier.

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2 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 1, further comprising:  
a reference signal circuit for generating the first reference signal and the common signal.

5 3 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 1, further comprising:  
a clock generator for generating the first clock, the second clock, the third clock,  
and the reset clock, wherein a phase change of the first clock, a phase change  
of the second clock, and a phase change of the reset clock do not occur at the  
same time.

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4 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 1, wherein the first feedback  
network comprises:

15 a first feedback capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first  
terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational  
amplifier;  
a first input feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and  
a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of  
the first feedback capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving the  
first input signal; and  
20 a first output feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal  
and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second  
terminal of the first feedback capacitor, the second terminal being connected  
to the first output terminal of the operational amplifier.

25 5 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 1, wherein the operational  
amplifier further comprises a second input terminal and a second output terminal, the  
first input terminal and the second input terminal are a differential input pair of the  
operational amplifier, the first output terminal and the second output terminal are a  
differential output pair of the operational amplifier, and the switched capacitor

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circuit further comprises:

- a second sampling capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier;
- 5 a second signal input switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a second input signal;
- a second reference input switch controlled by the second clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a second reference signal;
- 10 a second input reset switch controlled by the third clock having a first terminal connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier and a second terminal for inputting the common signal;
- 15 a second reference reset switch controlled by the reset clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first reference input switch, the second terminal being used for receiving the common signal; and
- 20 a second feedback network connected between the second input terminal and second output terminal of the operational amplifier.

- 6 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 5, further comprising:
- a reference signal circuit for generating the first reference signal, the second reference signal, and the common signal.
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- 7 (original): The switched capacitor circuit of claim 5, wherein the second feedback network comprises:
- a second feedback capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first

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terminal being connected to the second input terminal of the operational amplifier;

a second input feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the second feedback capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving the second input signal; and

a second output feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the second feedback capacitor, the second terminal being connected to the second output terminal of the operational amplifier.

8 (currently amended): An analog to digital converter comprising:

a clock generator for generating a first clock, a second clock, a third clock, and a reset clock, wherein ~~a phase change of the first clock, a phase change of the second clock, [[,]] and a phase change of the reset clock~~ are each out of phase with each other do not occur at the same time;

a reference signal circuit for generating a first reference signal, a second reference signal, and a common signal; and

a plurality of switched capacitor circuits connected in series and connected between an analog input terminal and a digital output terminal, each of the switched capacitor circuits comprising:

an operational amplifier having a first input terminal and a first output terminal;

a first sampling capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier;

a first signal input switch controlled by a first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used

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for receiving a first input signal;  
a first reference input switch controlled by a second clock having a first  
terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the  
second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being  
5 used for receiving a first reference signal;  
a first input reset switch controlled by a third clock having a first terminal and  
a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input  
terminal of the operational amplifier, the second terminal being used for  
receiving a common signal;  
10 a first reference reset switch controlled by a reset clock having a first terminal  
and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second  
terminal of the first reference input switch, the second terminal being  
used for receiving the common signal; and  
a first feedback network connected between the first input terminal and the  
15 first output terminal of the operational amplifier,  
wherein a first input terminal of an operational amplifier within each of the  
switched capacitor circuits connected in series is connected to a second terminal of  
a first signal input switch of a next switched capacitor circuit of the switched  
capacitor circuits connected in series, a second input terminal of a first signal input  
20 switch within a first of the switched capacitor circuits connected in series is  
connected to the analog input terminal, and a first output terminal of an operational  
amplifier within a last of the switched capacitor circuits connected in series is  
connected to the digital output terminal.

25 9 (original): The analog to digital converter of claim 8, wherein the operational  
amplifier of each of the switched capacitor circuits further comprises a second input  
terminal and a second output terminal, the first input terminal of the operational  
amplifier and the second input terminal of the operational amplifier are a differential  
input pair of the operational amplifier, the first output terminal of the operational

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amplifier and second output terminal of the operational amplifier are a differential output pair, and each of the switched capacitor circuits further comprises:

a second sampling capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier;

a second signal input switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a second input signal;

a second reference input switch controlled by the second clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first sampling capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving a second reference signal;

a second input reset switch controlled by the third clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier, the second terminal being used for receiving the common signal;

a second reference reset switch controlled by the reset clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first reference input switch, the second terminal being used for receiving the common signal; and

a second feedback network connected between the second input terminal of the operational amplifier and second output terminal of the operational amplifier.

10 (original): The analog to digital converter of claim 8, wherein the first feedback network comprises:

a first feedback capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the first input terminal of the operational amplifier;



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- a first input feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first feedback capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving the first input signal; and
- 5 a first output feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the first feedback capacitor, the second terminal being connected to the first output terminal of the operational amplifier.
- 10 11 (original): The analog to digital converter of claim 9, wherein the second feedback network comprises:
- a second feedback capacitor having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second input terminal of the operational amplifier;
- 15 a second input feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the second feedback capacitor, the second terminal being used for receiving the second input signal; and
- 20 a second output feedback switch controlled by the first clock having a first terminal and a second terminal, the first terminal being connected to the second terminal of the second feedback capacitor, the second terminal being connected to the second output terminal of the operational amplifier.
- 12 (currently amended): A method of operating a switched capacitor circuit, the switched capacitor circuit comprising an operational amplifier, a first sampling capacitor, a first signal input switch, a first reference input switch, a first reference reset switch, and a first feedback network, the method comprising:
- 25 after turning off the first reference input switch, turning on the first signal input switch to transmit a first input signal to the first sampling capacitor and turning

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on the first reference reset switch to transmit a common signal to a second  
terminal of the first reference input switch;  
turning off the first reference reset switch, and then turning off the first signal input  
switch; and  
5 turning on the first reference input switch after turning off the first signal input  
switch.

13 (original): The method of claim 12, wherein the first feedback network comprises a  
first feedback capacitor, a first input feedback switch, and a first output feedback  
10 switch, the method further comprising:  
turning on the first input feedback switch when turning on the first signal input  
switch; and  
turning on the first reference input switch when turning on the first output feedback  
switch.

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14 (original): The method of claim 12, wherein the operational amplifier further  
comprises a second input terminal and a second output terminal, the first input  
terminal of the operational amplifier and the second input terminal of the operational  
amplifier are a differential input pair of the operational amplifier, the first output  
20 terminal of the operational amplifier and the second output terminal of the  
operational amplifier are a differential output pair of the operational amplifier, the  
switched capacitor circuit further comprises a second sampling capacitor, a second  
signal input switch, a second reference input switch, a second reference reset switch  
and a second feedback network, and the method further comprises:  
25 turning on the second signal input switch when turning on the first signal input  
switch;  
turning on the second reference input switch when turning on the first reference  
input switch; and  
turning on the second reference reset switch when turning on the first reference



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reset switch.

- 15 (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the second feedback network comprises  
a second feedback capacitor, a second input feedback switch, and a second output  
5 feedback switch, and the method further comprises:  
turning on the second input feedback switch when turning on the first signal input  
switch; and  
turning on the second output feedback switch when turning on the first reference  
input switch.

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